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SUBJECT: NATO MINISTERIAL: COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON
GERMANY AND BERLIN

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1. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO TREAT THE GERMANY AND BERLIN
LANGUAGE IN AS NORMAL A FASHION AS POSSIBLE. ALTHOUGH
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THE FOUR POWER SUMMIT IS NOW PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, OTHER
ALLIES HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OFFICIALLY ABOUT THE MEETING
AND DEPARTMENT WISHES TO MINIMIZE QUESTIONS OR
SPECULATION ABOUT PURPOSE AND CONTENT OF THE GATHERING.
WITHHOLDING COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ALTOGETHER WOULD LIKELY
STIMULATE CURIOSITY ABOUT THE MEETING WHICH WE WOULD
RATHER AVOID. PRESENTING ALLIES WITH COPIES OF COMMUNIQUE

LANGUAGE WHICH INCLUDED A REFERENCE TO THE DECLARATION WOULD HAVE THE SAME RESULT. IN ADDITION, DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH FRG REP THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ASK THE ALLIES TO APPROVE LANGUAGE REFERRING TO A DECLARATION WHICH THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN.

2. FOR THESE REASONS, THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD SUBMIT LANGUAGE WHICH REFERS TO THE DECLARATION. SINCE WE CANNOT BE SURE THAT THE DRAFT DECLARATION WILL NOT BE CHANGED AT THE MINISTERIAL OR SUMMIT MEETINGS, WE WOULD ALSO PREFER NOT TO SUBMIT A PASSAGE WHICH DUPLICATES LANGUAGE IN THE PRESENT DRAFT TEXT. SINCE ONE OF THE STATED PURPOSES OF THE SUMMIT MEETING WILL IN ANY CASE BE TO APPROVE THE COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON GERMANY AND BERLIN, SHOULD IT THEN BE THOUGHT DESIRABLE, A REVISED DRAFT WHICH INCLUDED THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THE TEXT IN PARA 7 OF REFTEL COULD BE PRESENTED TO NATO ON MONDAY MAY 9 AND STILL BE EARLY ENOUGH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNIQUE.

3. DEPARTMENT PROPOSES FOLLOWING LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION IN NORMAL FASHION TO NATO ALLIES:

BEGIN TEXT:

MINISTERS EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION IN AND AROUND BERLIN. THEY NOTED IN PARTICULAR THAT STRICT OBSERVANCE AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 ARE ESSENTIAL TO MAINTENANCE OF THE STABILITY WHICH HAS

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BEEN ACHIEVED IN BERLIN AND TO FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF DETENTE.

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